

# OHR BiH Media Round-up, 24/6/2005

Latest radio news broadcast at 12.00 on **24 June**

<b>RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA</b> (12,00 hrs)	BH Radio 1 (12,00 hrs)
PIC meeting in Sarajevo	PIC session in progress
Doboj meeting on crisis in BiH CoM	Parties/Presidency meet in Doboj
Mostar: June dawns manifestation	HDZ Presidency on Anton Ril

TV news broadcast on **23 June**

<b>RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA</b> (18,00 hrs)	<b>TV PINK</b> (18,00 hrs)	<b>BHT 1</b> (19,00 hrs)
Jovic and Garagorri visit Ravno	ITA confiscates weapons	RS MoI arrests 6 Srebrenica suspects
Lijanovici case trial postponed	PIC meeting in Sarajevo	Del Ponte on Mladic, Karadzic
June Dawns manifestation	BiH Delegation in Hungary	Regional news
Covic on HDZ Presidency session	3 police officers arrested in Sarajevo	ICTY trial, testimony on Srebrenica
<b>NTV Hayat</b> (19,00 hrs)	<b>FTV</b> (19,30 hrs)	<b>RTRS</b> (19,30 hrs)

3 police officers arrested in Sarajevo	Victory of BiH sitting volleyball team	HR on Covic's salary in Presidency
Lijanovic case trial postponed	Zenica inmates not transferred	Srebrenica policemen arrested
HR on Covic's salary in Presidency	Hearing in Covic's case postponed	Srebrenica declaration in CoE
Tihic on Covic's salary in Presidency	Tihic on Covic's salary in Presidency	RS Govt on security in Srebrenica

<b>Oslobodjenje</b>	About 10 persons suspected of crimes in Srebrenica have been arrested
<b>Dnevni Avaz</b>	Big arrest action
<b>Dnevni List</b>	Prosecution presented new evidence
<b>Vecernji List</b>	Ashdown also abolished salary for Covic
<b>Slobodna Dalmacija</b>	Horror from Vitez: Liquidation of Croats
Nezavisne Novine	Seven persons were arrested
<b>Glas Srpske</b>	They are arresting, taking away and they are silent
<b>EuroBlic</b>	They are cutting forests and polluting water [eco-movement accuses forestry company "Lisina" of cutting more wood than permitted]
<b>Vecernje novosti</b>	Features Serbian related titles
<b>Srpski Nacional</b>	Features Serbian related titles

	<b>LATEST NEWS OF TODAY</b>
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<p><b>BiH Presidency meets leaders of ruling parties in Doboj today</b></p>	<p><b>BH Radio 1</b> – Advisor to the Chair of the BiH Presidency, <b>Drago Vukovic</b>, confirmed that the BiH Presidency members would meet with the leaders of the most important political parties in BiH today in Doboj. The meeting is to discuss the situation in the BiH CoM following the decision by Chairman of BiH CoM, <b>Adnan Terzic</b>, to accept the resignation by Foreign Minister <b>Mladen Ivanic</b>.</p> <p><b>RHB</b> says positions of members of BiH Presidency are different when it comes to the issue, since Presidency Chairman, <b>Borislav Paravac</b>, believes Terzic decision is bad, which resulted in illegal blocking of BiH institutions.</p>
<p><b>SRNA: RS MoI arrests another three persons</b></p>	<p><b>SRNA</b> – Srna news agency learns from the sources in RS Interior Ministry that RS MoI has arrested another three persons [under suspicion of committing the war crimes] in Zvornik region this morning. Srna also reads that the persons arrested in previous days have been transferred to the Prosecution in Sarajevo .</p>
<p><b>SNSD Simic on Srebrenica declaration</b></p>	<p><b>SRNA</b> – Head of SNSD Caucus at the RS National Assembly, <b>Krstan Simic</b>, stated that the one-sidedly proposed declaration on Srebrenica, adopted by the CoE Assembly on Thursday, proves that the victims of Srebrenica are being abused in political purposes.</p>

<p><b>US Senate adopts Resolution on Srebrenica</b></p>	<p><b>FENA</b> – The Congress of the Bosniaks from North America stated that the US Senate has unanimously adopted the Resolution on Srebrenica on 22 June, which reads that the genocide was carried out by Bosnians Serbs with direct assistance of former Yugoslavia [SCG] authorities.</p>
<p><b>Tadic on attending Srebrenica commemoration</b></p>	<p><b>FENA</b> – Serbian President, Boris Tadic, stated today that he will attend the Srebrenica commemoration in order to demonstrate Serbian's stance on the war crimes committed against other nations. <i>"I am going to Srebrenica because war crimes by some of my countrymen on behalf of the nation occurred there,"</i> stated Tadic visiting Bucharest.</p>

	<p><b>War crimes</b></p>
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**RS MoI arrests  
persons from  
Srebrenica  
list?**

**Dnevni Avaz** cover splash 'Big arrest action', pg 3 'Arrests of persons from Srebrenica list has started?' by A. Hadzic – E. Sarac – DA brings that according to the unofficially information in the last three days a big arrest action has been carried out in the region of Podrinje, apparently of the persons from the list of the Srebrenica Commission suspected of participating massacre. DA source say that in Skealni near Srebrenica 7 persons working in the local police were arrested. The action has allegedly started on Tuesday upon the request of the BiH Course. DA carries that arrested were **Petar Mitrovic**, **Jovan Nikolic**, **Branko Dzinic** and **Miso Stupar**, while on Thursday **Milenko Trifunovic**, **Slobodan Jakovljevic** and **Aleksandar Radovanovic** were detained. In addition, sources say that **Novak Stjepanovic Krka** was also arrested in relation to murders committed in village Borkovac near Bratunac in 1992 and Srebrenica. **Glas Srpske** cover pg splash 'They are arresting, taking away and are silent' by K. C. and Z. J. (carries identical names as DA, and also carries reactions of family members)

**Oslobodjenje** cover splash, pgs 4-5 'About 10 persons suspected of crimes in Srebrenica have been arrested' by Avdo Avdic – Daily carries that at least 10 persons were arrested in joint action of RS MoI and EUFOR in region of Srebrenica, Zvornik and Bratunac. According to its 'credible sources' these are persons from Srebrenica list. Daily says Stjepanovic, Stupar, Dzinic, Matic and Nikolic were detained.

**RTRS** – RTRS source claims that one of the arrested will be a witness while others will be indicted for crimes committed in Srebrenica.

**FTV, Nezavisne Novine** cover pg splash and pg 3 'Seven persons were arrested' by S. Karic, M. Cubro and Z. Kusmuk, **Vecernje Novosti** pg 15 'Arrests in Bratunac' and 'Apprehensions in Skelani as well' by P. Vasovic – Report on arrest of 7 persons, 2 names unknown, as well as **Milovan Matic** from Skelani). **Hayat, Dnevni list** pg 3 'Several police officers arrested n RS' by M.B. – DL learns unofficially from the sources close to RS MoI that Stupar, Nikolic, Djinic, **EuroBlic** pg RS2 'Policemen too were locked away' by E. B. (reports on arrest of three persons – Nikolic, Stupar and Dzinic),

<p><b>BiH Prosecution and BiH Court without comment</b></p>	<p><b>BHT1, Dnevni Avaz</b> cover splash 'Big arrest action', pg 3 'Arrests of persons from Srebrenica list has started?' by A. Hadzic – <u>E. Sarac</u> – Inset 'BiH Prosecution without information' carries that the BiH Prosecution is not able to release any information on the media reports regarding the arrests in the region.</p> <p><b>RTRS – Edita Pejovic</b> from the BIH Court public relations office stated that they could not comment the arrests since certain investigations are still being carried out. EUPM spokesperson <b>Alun Roberts</b> said EUPM has no information about this arrest.</p>
<p><b>RS MoI Spokesperson confirms arrests on-going</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> cover splash 'Big arrest action', pg 3 'Arrests of persons from Srebrenica list has started?', inset 'Pejic confirmed action is on going' by A. Hadzic – <u>E. Sara</u> carries the spokesperson for the RS MoI, <b>Radovan Pejic</b>, as stating that for BHT 1 that action has been carried out following the request by the BiH Prosecution. The report also said 6 persons were arrested.</p> <p><b>BHT 1 Zoran Sarenac</b> – <i>"We can inform that RS police is carrying out certain measures and activities upon request of the BiH Prosecutor's Office and in accordance with program, law and priority tasks and they are achieving certain results"</i>, stated Pejic.</p> <p>Jovan Nikolic's attorney, <b>Sreto Markovic</b> from Bijeljina confirmed for BHT that the Prosecution suggested detention for his client but the final decision will be made Thursday evening.</p>
<p><b>Oslobodjenje speculates new arrests soon</b></p>	<p><b>Oslobodjenje</b> cover splash, pgs 4-5 'About 10 persons suspected of crimes in Srebrenica have been arrested' by <u>Avdo Avdic</u> – Inset 'Soon new arrests' says that according to the unofficial information from RS police, new arrests should be carried out soon which would include detention of police general <b>Goran Saric</b>, former head of Public Security Center in Zvornik <b>Dragomir Vasic</b> and former RS MoI <b>Tomo Kovac</b>.</p>

<p><b>ICTY investigators in Srebrenica</b></p>	<p><b>PINK, Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 2 'Hague investigators visited a jail in which Serbs were tortured' by <u>J. S.</u>, <b>Glas Srpske</b> pg 3 'They visited a jail for Serbs as well' by <u>Srna</u>– The Group of the ICTY investigators paid a visit to Srebrenica on Thursday. They visited premises where Serb prisoners of war were kept during the war, as well as the Memorial Centre in Potocari. They did not offer any explanations on the reasons for their visit. <b>Oslobodjenje</b> pg 4 inset 'ICTY investigators in Podrinje' – Daily only carries that the investigators are in the region.</p>
<p><b>RS Govt to be actively involved in securing Srebrenica commemoration</b></p>	<p><b>PINK, BHT 1, RTRS, Oslobodjenje</b>, pg 5 'Enhanced security activities by MoI', by <u>O. V.</u>, <b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 2 'Help in organising Srebrenica commemoration' by <u>P. K.</u>, <b>Glas Srpske</b> pg 3 'Preparations in accordance with plans' by <u>G. D.</u>, <b>Dnevni List</b> pg 2 'Security at commemoration in Srebrenica' by <u>NINA</u> – The RS Government on Thursday concluded that it would actively participate in the preparations for securing the commemoration in Srebrenica on July 11. RS Ministries of Finance and Interior have been tasked to review the costs necessary for securing the commemoration. The RS Government has not yet appointed the delegation that will attend the commemoration in Srebrenica. The RS Government adopted the Report on activities of RS MoI in preparations for securing the said commemoration.</p>
<p><b>Srebrenica Task Group waiting information from ICTY and Serbian MoI</b></p>	<p><b>Oslobodjenje</b> pgs 4-5 'Expecting information from the ICTY and Serbian MoI' by <u>S. Rozajac</u> – The Chair of the Srebrenica Task Group, <b>Jovan Spajic</b>, confirmed to daily that that Group expects information on the two RS Interior Ministry's units that operated in Jahorina to arrive from the ICTY, as well as the information from Serbian MoI on unit under the command of <b>Ljubomir Borovcanin</b> and Scoprions unit. He added that while a lot of work has been done, information on these units are still problematic.</p>

<p><b>Del Ponte: 'It is disgrace to stand before people of Srebrenica whilst Karadzic and Mladic are at large'</b></p>	<p><b>BHT 1, Dnevni Avaz</b>, pg 4 'It is disgrace to stand before people of Srebrenica whilst Karadzic and Mladic are at large', by <u>Sense</u>, <b>Slobodna Dalmacija</b> pg 8 'Absence of main indictees brings into question ICTY's role' by <u>H</u> – The ICTY Chief Prosecutor, <b>Carla del Ponte</b>, on Thursday declared that fact that two chief suspects for the genocide in Srebrenica, <b>Radovan Karadzic</b> and <b>Ratko Mladic</b>, are still at large <i>"grossly compromises the role"</i> of the Tribunal. Attending the 7th Conference of ambassadors on duty in the Hague, Del Ponte stressed <i>"majority of the victims will not be convinced that justice has been served as long as Karadzic and Mladic are at large. This is not only about mocking justice, but about jeopardizing reconciliation."</i> Del Ponte noted that the <i>"short term interests"</i> of the states that would wish to see the ICTY closed in 2010, as planned, <i>"would be fulfilled if Karadzic and Mladic were extradited to the Hague fast and together"</i>. <i>"Than we could have one instead of two trials"</i> and save <i>"three years of hearings"</i>, she said.</p>
<p><b>Del Ponte will not come to Srebrenica</b></p>	<p><b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 2 'Del Ponte will not come to Srebrenica' by <u>Sense</u> – Chief ICTY Prosecutor Thursday reiterated she would not attend Srebrenica commemoration and she emphasised authorities of RS and SiCG, but also NATO and EUFOR forces, must put more effort in arresting <b>Radovan Karadzic</b> and <b>Ratko Mladic</b>.</p>



<p><b>Feral/Dani magazines on Cavic and Tadic's coming at commemoration in Srebrenica</b></p>	<p><b>Feral</b> pg 20 'Unwanted' by <u>I. Lovrenovic</u> carries an editorial commenting on <b>Dragan Cavic</b> and <b>Boris Tadic's</b> coming at the commemoration in Srebrenica. Author says that having in mind the intention of Serb politicians to limit the whole crime committed in BiH during the war on Srebrenica one should not underestimate a moment in which two Serb(ian) leaders come to Potocari. The author concludes that after this nothing will be the same although it does not seem so at the first sight.</p> <p><b>Dani</b> 'Beginning of the end of decades of lies' op-ed by <u>Emir Suljagic</u> – On the same topic, Dani's journalist notes that Cavic and Tadic's arrival to Potocari would be <i>"a unique test for all of us."</i> Author believes this is not important for the sake of apology, but <i>"acknowledgment and arrests that must follow"</i> the visit. <i>"Both Cavic and Tadic will have must less space for calculating after this. They will both have to offer some answers. Cavic... will have to publicize the names of all police members who took part in Srebrenica massacres, as well as order investigation and process of all the... RS MoI will have to identify all BiH citizens in any connects with Scorpions... Victims... have to publicly ask Tadic to investigate and process Scorpions..."</i> notes the editorial concluding that while all this would happen only in ideal conditions it would also mean the <i>"beginning of end of decade of lying"</i>.</p>
<p><b>Stojanovic: in case SiCG authorities acknowledge genocide was committed in Srebrenica, he could only try to prove this cannot be held against Serbia</b></p>	<p><b>Vecernje Novosti</b> pg 4 'They are marking us with stamp of genocide' by <u>I. Lovric</u> and <u>B. Popovic</u> – <b>Radoslav Stojanovic</b>, a legal representative of SiCG at the International Court in Hague, says if any of Serbian authority institutions acknowledges genocide was committed in Srebrenica, then he will not be able to deny it before the Hague. <i>'In that case, I could only claim and prove that the "committed" genocide cannot be held against Serbia'</i>, Stojanovic said. Former federal chief of diplomacy <b>Vladislav Jovanovic</b> claims only the Security Council, as in accordance with UN Charter, has the authority to judge whether a country had committed an aggression. He claims genocide was not committed in Srebrenica.</p>

<p><b>Serbian Prosecutor Vukcevic announced indictments for war crimes in Srebrenica, Zvornik would be brought soon</b></p>	<p><b>Vecernje Novosti</b> pg 15 'Indictments against Scorpions are on the way' <u>not signed</u> – Serbian Prosecutor for war crimes <b>Vladimir Vukcevic</b> has stated that the Prosecution is dealing with cases that include approximately 2,000 victims and he announced indictments for war crimes in Srebrenica, Zvornik and non-Albanian population in Kosovo would be brought soon. Among other, indictments against the Scorpions' members for murder of six Muslims in Srebrenica should be brought in July, according to Vukcevic.</p>
<p><b>Update to Srebrenica declaration in CoE</b></p>	<p><b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 2, announced on cover 'Crimes in Srebrenica were condemned' by <u>V. Popovic</u> – Article reports that the Parliamentary Assembly of CoE Thursday adopted a declaration by which it condemns Srebrenica crimes.</p> <p><b>RTRS</b> report by <u>Vesna Cibilic</u> – According to the RTRS, 36 parliamentarians at Council of Europe Parliament signed the declaration initiated by <b>Sead Avdic</b>. Declaration states that a horrible crime was committed in Srebrenica for the religious reasons. Serb members of BIH Delegation <b>Ljiljana Milicevic</b> and <b>Tihomir Gligoric</b> didn't sign the declaration. Gligoric repeated his position that he never knew about the initiative whilst Avdic claims that he scheduled a meeting to which Milicevic and Gligoric never came.</p>

	<p><b>Political issues</b></p>
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**PIC session  
in Sarajevo**

RHB, PINK, BHT1, Hayat, Dnevni Avaz, pg 5 'BiH and difficulties on road to Europe', by Fena, **Oslobodjenje**, pg 3 'Terzic will talk about joint ambitions he shares with Ashdown', by Fena, **Nezavisne Novine** pg 4 'Today talks on progress of reforms in BiH' by M. C., **Dnevni List** pg 4 'Two-day meeting of PIC Steering Board Directors' by NINA – The Political Directors of the Peace Implementation Council Steering Board are holding two-days meeting in Sarajevo. The meeting will address BiHs current difficulties in resolving remaining obstacles on the road to Europe. The meeting will also consider the progress being made in reviving the BiH economy and tackling poverty, and also the current effort to streamline government so as to make it more efficient and more affordable. "Prime Minister **Adnan Terzic** will brief the Steering Board on strategy for realising his and the High Representative's "joint ambition" that BiH should be in a position to launch Stabilisation and Association negotiations by the tenth anniversary of the Dayton Agreement," stated OHR spokeswoman **Ljiljana Radetic**.

**Ashdown sets  
29 June as  
deadline to  
stop  
payments to  
Covic**

**BHT1, Hayat, RTRS, Dnevni Avaz**, pg 2  
‘Salaries to Covic are in  
contradiction with High  
Representative’s decision’, mentioned  
on front ‘Ashdown warns Paravac over  
payments to Covic’, by **S. N., Glas  
Srpske** pg 2 ‘Covic without salary and  
privileges’ by **V. Bugarin** – The High  
Representative, **Paddy Ashdown**, gave the  
Chair of the BiH Presidency, **Borislav  
Paravac**, until 29 June to ensure all  
payments to **Dragan Covic** are stopped.  
Statement by OHR reads that this  
includes halt of any allowance or  
privileges he may still be enjoying,  
such as use of Presidency cars or  
flats. In addition, OHR expects  
Presdency to explain exactly how this  
decision to continue payments was  
taken and who had political  
responsibility for taking that  
decision. The illegal continuation of  
payments to **Dragan Covic**, following  
his removal from his position in the  
Presidency on 29 March 2005 , is a  
direct and flagrant contravention the  
HR removal decision, was announced by  
the OHR.

**VL on HR's letter regarding Covic's payments: '6 salaries were left for Jelavic but Covic cannot have them!'**

**Vecernji List** cover pg splash 'Ashdown also abolished salary for Covic' and pg 3 '6 salaries were left for Jelavic but Covic cannot have them!' by Z. Kresic **Dnevni List** pg 3 'Covic must not receive salary and use premises of BiH Presidency' not signed, – VL comments that in this way the International Community confirmed that it does behave in an unprincipled manner, that it treats the same cases in a different way and it does not care about the BiH laws but about the current political estimation coming from the **OHR**. As an example the author states the case of removed HDZ President **Ante Jelavic** who had the same destiny as Covic, but who was allowed to receive the salary for the next 6 months as well as all benefits of the BiH Presidency.

**Tihic says  
BiH  
Presidency  
did not  
approve  
salaries for  
Covic**

**FTV, Hayat, Dnevni Avaz**, pg 2 'Tihic: Ranko Ninkovic is responsible', by A. M., **Oslobodjenje**, pg 6 'Presidency did not approve payout of salaries to Covic', not signed – BiH Presidency member **Sulejman Tihic** on Thursday said that the Presidency did not approve the payment of salaries to its former member **Dragan Covic**. Reacting HR's request for Presidency top explain how come Covic received payments, Tihic stressed: *"At least I, as a BiH Presidency member, did not participate in this in any way, which means that it was impossible to issue such a decision. The HR's decision in this view is quite clear, and as far as I know, even Covic himself publicly said that he would not use any compensations and privileges following his removal."* The responsibility for direct breach of the law and the decision, deems Tihic, in this case lies exclusively with the Secretary General, Ranko **Ninkovic**, and other responsible officials in the Secretariat of BiH Presidency. Thus, Tihic concludes that he does not accept any responsibility of BiH Presidency and that he would request identifying and sanctioning of responsible persons, is said in the announcement.

**Covic on  
Doboj  
meeting,  
receiving  
salary after  
being  
removed from  
BiH  
Presidency**

**Oslobodjenje**, pg 6 'We can make that we are better off', by A. N. – Carries the removed member of BiH Presidency and current president of HDZ BiH, **Dragan Covic**, as commenting on the today's (Friday) meeting of leaders of political parties in power with the BiH Presidency and Chair of BiH CoM, **Adnan Terzic**. Covic argues that the parties should sit down and find a solution to the benefit of all. Asked to comment on the issue of salaries that he has been receiving since he had been removed from the BiH Presidency, Covic says: *"I did not get the OHR's decision (on removal and annulling the compensations) and I cannot comment on it. I personally think that what a member of BiH Presidency should be entitled to when a mandate has expired, even considering European conventions, is the right to close protection (bodyguards) for 12 months and certain compensation"*. **Slobodna Dalmacija** pg 18 'Law gives me right on 12 salaries' by M. Herceg – also carries.

**HDZ  
Presidency  
session held  
in Kiseljak**

**FTV** – The HDZ Presidency held its session on Thursday in Kiseljak in order to discuss personnel problems, new personnel solutions in the executive and legislative power, filling of vacant positions as well as offered resignation of FBiH Minister of Health, **Tomo Lucic**. HDZ President, **Dragan Covic** welcomed the meeting of the ruling parties, which is going to be held in Dobož on Friday. **Hayat** carries Covic as saying that there would be no exceptions, namely if HDZ Presidency decides something, all its members should interpret the Presidency's stance in the same way. Similar reports carried by **BHT 1**, **Dnevni List** pg 5 'Covic: I am not making purge in party' by E.M., **Vecernji List** pg 2, mentioned on cover 'Doko, Božić and Lucić are leaving, Vrankić remains' by M. Relota **Oslobodjenje** pg 7 'Anton Rilić candidate for Deputy Foreign Minister' by A.O. – Daily carries that **Anton Rilić**, current official of the BiH Foreign Ministry, could replace **Lidija Topić** at the position of the BiH Deputy Foreign Minister. Party has also appointed **Dragan Vrankić**, FBiH Finance Minister, to the HDZ Presidency.



<p><b>VL: 'Doko, Bozic and Lucic are leaving, Vrankic remains'</b></p>	<p><b>Vecernji List</b> pg 2, mentioned on cover 'Doko, Bozic and Lucic are leaving, Vrankic remains' by <u>M. Relota</u> carries that although HDZ President <b>Dragan Covic</b> did not want to speak these days about the Ministers who would be changed, it is quite certain that <b>Dragan Doko, Marinko Bozic</b> and <b>Tomo Lucic</b> would be the first HDZ Ministers who would be changed. VL also says that, most probably, Federation of BiH Minister of Finances <b>Dragan Vrankic</b> would remain at the current position in the coming period.</p>
<p><b>Dokic asks Terzic and Ivanic to solve issue of his successor</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 8'Dokic demands from Terzic and Ivanic to appoint his successor' by <u>Srna</u> – The BiH Minister of Communications and Transport, <b>Branko Dokic</b>, has called on the Chair of the Council of Ministers <b>Adnan Terzic</b> and PDP president <b>Mladen Ivanic</b> to solve the issue of his successor on this position in accordance with the Constitution and the Law on BiH CoM during his summer holidays.</p> <p><b>FTV</b> – Dokic has also asked from the HR, <b>Paddy Ashdown</b> to assist the process of appoint his successor.</p>

<p><b>Avaz: Interview with Ambassador Rycroft</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b>, pg 5, mentioned on front ‘No abolishment of visas without police reform’, by <u>Sead Numanovic</u> – Carries an interview with the UK Ambassador to BiH, <b>Matthew Rycroft</b>, in which he, among other issues, notes: <i>“I hope that the talks on SAA between BiH and EU will begin during time when Great Britain chairs (the EU). It would be the best reward to people in BiH, because your country has started to resolutely move towards the EU. Still, whether it happens, I does not depend on us, it is down to your political leaders. They have to complete the remaining tasks: carry out the reform of public RTV system and police. I am convinced the tasks can be realized and we are ready for negotiations. If that does not happen, BiH will lose precious time and lag even more behind its neighbors”.</i> Ambassador Rycroft also notes that the issue of police reform is important for creating pre-requisites for abolishment of visas, underlining that countries from the region cannot enter the EU without the full cooperation with the ICTY.</p>
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<p><b>Grahovac calls on Nikolic to resign</b></p>	<p><b>Hayat</b> by <u>Asim Beslija</u> – FBiH Deputy Prime Minister <b>Gavrilo Grahovac</b> called on FBiH Minister of Defence <b>Miroslav Nikolic</b> to resign after Nikolic stated he saw no problems in having Croatian anthem played along with BiH one at oath taking ceremonies in barracks of FBiH Army. Grahovac claims that there is no room for Croatian anthem in official ceremonies. <i>“I expect Nikolic to resign, if he is not going to do that, then I expect the FBiH Prime Minister to start the initiative, and if the FBiH PM is not going to do so then I expect the FBiH President and two Vice Presidents to do so, if they care about BiH’s sovereignty”</i>, said Grahovac.</p>
<p><b>Minister Nikolic says he is not resigning over Capljina events</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b>, pg 4 ‘I will not resign because everything was done according to the law’, by <u>E. Sarac</u> – The FBiH Defence Minister, <b>Miroslav Nikolic</b>, says he will not resign over the Capljina oath-taking ceremony, as was requested from him by the FBiH Deputy Prime Minister, <b>Gavrilo Grahovac</b>. Nikolic insists that the law was observed and that Grahovac is trying to score cheap political points.</p> <p><b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 3 ‘Minister Nikolic will not resign’ by <u>R. C.</u> – also carries Minister Nikolic’s denial that he would resign.</p>

<p><b>SD: Crises at FBiH level at sight?</b></p>	<p><b>Slobodna Dalmacija</b> pg 18, mentioned on cover 'Ministers Nikolic and Bozic are also leaving?' by <u>Z. Tulic</u> carries that the crisis at the Federation of BiH level is also possible since it has been speculated that FBiH Defence Minister <b>Miroslav Nikolic</b> might be removed, Minister for Defenders' Issues <b>Ibrahim Nadarevic</b> has already submitted resignation and SDA does not intend to appoint a new Minister yet.</p>
<p><b>Political parties' reactions on Jovic's statement re 3rd entity</b></p>	<p><b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 4 'There is no need for the third entity' by <u>V. Popovic</u> – Upon BiH Presidency member <b>Ivo Miro Jovic's</b> statement that BiH needs the third entity SDP says this is a matter for SDA to comment on, since it was SDA that had appointed Jovic BiH Presidency member. SDA believes the idea on 3<sup>rd</sup> entity is dangerous. SNSD thinks all peoples should reach a consensus on this, while SPRS believes Croats and Bosniaks should reach an agreement on 3<sup>rd</sup> entity. SDS opposes to this idea and PDP thinks RS cannot be forced to get involved in a discussion on 3<sup>rd</sup> entity as well as that problems of F BiH cannot be resolved on the detriment of RS. Party for BiH thinks BiH does not need 3<sup>rd</sup> entity and is of the view that even the two existing ones should be abolished.</p>

<p><b>Nacional: Slovenian Milan Kucan to be HR Paddy Ashdown's successor</b></p>	<p><b>Srpski Nacional</b> pg 10 'Kucan as new Paddy' <u>not signed</u> – <i>Nacional</i> claims one of topics PIC would discuss at the end of the month is selection of HR <b>Paddy Ashdown's</b> successor in BiH and it mentions names of several possible successors (former Slovenian President <b>Milan Kucan</b>, former Macedonian President <b>Kiro Gligorov</b>, French diplomats <b>Bernard Kouchner</b> and <b>Bernard Beaujolais</b>, former German Minister of Foreign Affairs <b>Klaus Kinkel</b> and Italian <b>Giuliano Amato</b>). <i>Nacional</i> claims Kucan has the greatest support in diplomatic circles.</p>
<p><b>HNZ President Brkic: 3 TV channels is only fair solution</b></p>	<p><b>Slobodna Dalmacija</b> pg 20 '3 TV channels only solution' <u>by B. Magas</u> carries an interview with HNZ President <b>Milenko Brkic</b> who talks about the public RTV service on the eve of the round table discussion on presence of Croats in media space of the public RTV service, that is to take place on Saturday in Mostar. According to Brkic, the solution with 3 TV channels is not either cheap or simple but having in mind the current situation in BiH it is the only fair and possible solution in order to satisfy rights and interests of constituent peoples.</p>

	<b>Judicial and economic issues</b>
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**Main hearing in  
Covic-Lijanovic  
case starts on 1  
September Trial  
of**

**BHT1, FTV, Hayat, RTRS, Oslobođenje** pg 2, mentioned on cover 'Beginning of trial postponed for September' by A.N., **Dnevni Avaz** pg 12 'Garlich: 'Real' trial will start on September 1' by A.M., **Dnevni List** cover pg splash and pg 3 'Prosecution presented new evidence' by E. Mackic, **Vecernji List** pg 3 'Real begging of process in Lijanovici case begins in autumn' by dja, adr, **Slobodna Dalmacija** pg 7 'Trial postponed for September' by Z. Rerig, **Nezavisne Novine** pg 5, announced on cover 'Trial to Covic and others commences on September 1' by A. Durmo, **Glas Srpske** pg 2 'Covic without salary and privileges' by V. Bugarin inset 'Trial on September 1' – The main hearing in the case of **Dragan Covic, Lijanovic** brothers, **Mato Tadic** and **Zdravko Lucic** will start on 1 September this year, was concluded at the status conference held in the BiH Court in Sarajevo today. The main reason for the postponement of the main hearing is inability of the defence lawyers to appropriately prepare themselves for the trial, as the Prosecutor today presented them with the new evidences in the case.

On 29 June, the indictments will be official read out, in accordance with the BiH Crime Procedure Code. Hayat says that being asked to comment on the allegations that the whole case was just a political process, Covic said *"I have already said that this was a political process, but the trial should prove that"*.

<p><b>Dokic/Pavic to start on 15 September</b></p>	<p><b>BHT 1, RTRS, Dnevni Avaz</b>, pg 12 'Trials to Dokic and Pavic begins on September 15', by <u>J. S.</u>, <b>Nezavisne Novine</b> pg 5 'Trial to Branko Dokic and Marko Pavic on September 15' by <u>S. Karic</u>, <b>Vecernji List</b> pg 3 'Trial against B. Dokic and M. Pavic on September 15' by <u>bs</u> – The trial against the former RS Ministers of Traffic and Communications, <b>Branko Dokic</b> and <b>Marko Pavic</b>, indicted for abuse of office, will commence on September 15 before the Basic Court in Banja Luka.</p> <p>The Court confirmed the indictment against Dokic and Pavic on March 29 accusing them of abuse of office while performing the duty of the Entity minister of traffic and communications.</p> <p><b>Dnevni Avaz</b> pg 8 'Paddy Ashdown welcomed the move' – OHR Spokesperson, <b>Mario Brkic</b> , said that the HR Paddy Ashdown has welcomed Dokic's decision to absent himself from the BiH CoM in order to attend the trial.</p>
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**HB  
trial/Obradovic:  
HNC was one of  
HB founders**

**Vecernji List** pg 2 'Jelavic is not connected with transaction of shares' by ra – Former Governor of the Herzegovina-Neretva Canton **Zeljko Obradovic** testified on Thursday at the trial against former HDZ President **Ante Jelavic** for the Hercegovacka Banka (HB) case. Obradovic stated that at the time when he was the HNC Governor 5 % of HB shares were purchased by the money from the HNC budget and in this way the HNC became one of the HB founders. Obradovic also said that Jelavic did not influence that the HNC buys 5 % of the shares. According to Obradovic, in 1998 the HNC transferred all 5 % of the shares bought from the HB on company Mondo M and in return the HNC Government received premises, equipment and vehicles. Also reported by **Dnevni List** pg 5 'In return for bank's shares Canton received new equipment' by E. Mackic, and **Sarajevo press**.



**Hungarian PM  
says Hungarians  
interested to  
invest in Vc  
corridor in BiH**

**PINK, BHT1, RHB, Hayat, Dnevni Avaz**, pg 2 'Hungary interested in construction of corridor Vc', by Srna, **Oslobodjenje**, pg 3, mentioned on front 'BiH will begin building of corridor 5c in February', by Fena, **Nezavisne Novine** pg 6, announced on cover 'BiH will start constructing Vc corridor in February 2006' by Agencies, **Slobodna Dalmacija** last pg 'Minister went by plane, journalists by train' by E. Felic – A delegation of the BiH Council of Ministers headed by Prime Minister **Adnan Terzic** and the Hungarian delegation headed by Prime Minister **Ferenc Gyurcsany** on Thursday held talks about the economic cooperation, visa regime, building corridor Vc, and Euro-Atlantic integration. The BiH CoM Chair and Hungarian PM pointed out that bilateral cooperation between the two states was good, but stressed that economic cooperation had to be improved. Gyurcsany pointed out that some Hungarian investors were interested in Vc corridor, and Terzic invited them to apply for concessions on the Vc.

<p><b>FBiH Government on status of workers who voluntarily quit job in process of companies' restructuring</b></p>	<p><b>Dnevni List</b> pg 2, mentioned on cover 'Workers urged to quit voluntarily' by <u>M. Zorlak</u> – At its session held on Thursday the Federation of BiH Government defined a draft law on resolving the working and legal status of workers who quit their job voluntarily in the process of restructuring. According to Federation of BiH Minister of Labour <b>Radovan Vignjevic</b>, there are many companies, which have not been privatised, and many workers in these companies do not work at all, however they are still being treated as the workers in these companies. Vignjevic added that most of these workers work illegally and wait to see what would happen with their companies. Vignjevic said that it would be offered to them to quit their job voluntarily and in return linking of the years of service would be offered to them. Covered also by <b>RHB, FTV, BHT1, Sarajevo press</b>.</p>
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	<p><b>Security issues</b></p>
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**FBiH Justice  
Ministry  
transfers 4  
non-Bosniak  
inmates from  
Zenica  
prison to  
infirmary**

**PINK, FTV, RTRS, Oslobođenje** pg 10 'Four inmates will be transferred to health', **EuroBlic** pg RS2, announced on cover 'Transfer to in-patient clinic' by D. S., Glas Srpske pg 3 'From cell to hospital' not signed, **Dnevni List** pg 7 'Prisoners file lawsuit against FBiH and Minister Kristo' by A. Beus, **Vecernji List** pg 4 'Prisoners stay in Zenica' by B. Stevandić, **Slobodna Dalmacija** pg 21 'They received transfer to ambulance only' by B. Kristo, I. Milesić – FBiH Ministry of Justice has rejected a request of BiH Ministry of Justice to transfer four non-Bosniak inmates from the Zenica to Kula prison. The prisoners, accused of committing war crimes, have been attacked after the screening of snapshots of the Srebrenica executions of civilians. **Vlastimir Pusara, Ivan Baković, Milorad Rodić and Zoran Knežević** have been on hunger strike for the past two weeks. The FBiH Justice Minister, **Borjana Kristo**, stated they should be provided immediately with food and health care, but within Health Service stationary in Zenica. She also said that the Zenica prison management has to consider measures to be able to provide safety to all citizens. **BHT 1** – *"I have ordered their transfer to Kula prison in Eastern Sarajevo because that is in accordance with regulation book .when they are dislocated inside of the RS territory. I did not intend to leave them in Kula prison to serve their sentence there till the end"*, stated **Kovac**. Meanwhile families of the 4 prisoners announced they will file lawsuits against FBiH and FBiH Ministry of Justice before the Human Rights Court in Strasbourg .

<p><b>OHR on seizure of weapon</b></p>	<p><b>PINK, Oslobođenje</b>, pg 2 'BiH does not need terror on streets', <u>not signed</u>, <b>Slobodna Dalmacija</b> pg 24 'BiH does not need 3000 brass knuckles' <u>by Fena</u>– The OHR spokeswoman, <b>Ljiljana Radetic</b>, stated that the weapons which have been confiscated by Indirect Taxation Administration during this week illustrates the fact that establishing cost-effective and efficient institutions in BiH is not simply a matter of meeting EU accession criteria. ITA is reported to have confiscated several hundred thousand KM worth of arms this week that were being shipped into BiH.</p>
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